

REMARKS

Claims 1-43 and 70-82 are pending.

Claims 44-69 have been canceled.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

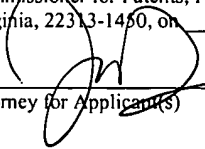
Group I. Claims 1-43 and 70-82, drawn to a resource management system comprising a plurality of resources with status information, classified in class 370, subclass 395.21.

Group II. Claims 44-69, drawn to a computer network comprising encoded computer code in readable medium, classified in class 709, subclass 223.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, the Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-43 and 70-82, drawn to a resource management system comprising a plurality of resources with status information, classified in class 370, subclass 395.21.

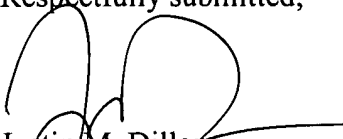
Please cancel claims 44-69 without prejudice to the subject matter disclosed therein.

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